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“SAMMY SOSA” QUESTIONS

After reading the article titled “Sammy Sosa” and reviewing the vocabulary provided, respond to the following questions alone or with a partner.

1. What do you think is the most important thing the author of the article wants you to learn about Sammy Sosa? Answer this in one sentence.

2. Describe three things about Sammy that show that he is a really generous person.

3. Explain why Sammy still practices on the old dirt ball fields in the Dominican Republic.

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4. Why do you think Sammy was successful? Was it his attitude and willingness to work hard? Was it good luck? Or was it both? Use information from the reading AND your own ideas to support your opinion. Include a topic sentence that states your opinion, two to three supporting sentences, and a conclusion.

Use the following chart to help you plan your answer.

Why is Sammy Sosa successful?

Hard Work	Good Luck
Overall, which do you think is more important (or are they equal)?	

Use the information in the chart to help you write a paragraph about Sammy Sosa's successes. State your opinion in the topic sentence, and be sure to follow the hamburger paragraph structure.

Marking Scheme for Paragraph (be sure to hand this in with your paragraph):

Use of hamburger structure /3

Supporting details are clearly explained with evidence and are all on topic /4

Topic Sentence (1 for clarity, 1 for style) /2

Sentences are varied and transition words are used (1 for sometimes, 2 for always) /2

Concluding sentence (restates main idea) /1

Spelling, grammar, and sentence structure /4

TOTAL /16